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In re Application of

Bernhard LETTMAN

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Modular System for Producing Same

Group Art Unit: 1711

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Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. This conditional petition of time is being made, however, to provide for the possibility that applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. In this event, please charge Deposit Account 23-3425 the necessary extension of time fees. This document is submitted in duplicate.

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The Director - U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 23-3425 any fees necessary for entry of any of the above listed documents. This document is submitted in duplicate.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 5, 2003, Applicant responds  
through his attorney as follows.